

Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a controller contained in the housing and operative to provide control of the television apparatus;
 - a front panel array on an exterior of the housing and connected to the controller;
 - and
 - ~~a lighting device situated on the exterior of the housing and illuminating the front panel array, the lighting device connected to the controller and operative in conjunction with the controller to provide a plurality of illumination intensity levels~~
 - wherein the controller is operative to detect one of a presence and an absence of a lighting device upon an initial power-up of the television apparatus, the lighting device, when present, being coupled to the controller and being capable of illuminating the front panel array at a plurality of illumination intensity levels;
 - wherein if the controller detects the presence of the lighting device upon the initial power-up of the television apparatus, a light control menu is provided to allow a user to select a level of illumination intensity of the lighting device from the plurality of illumination intensity levels; and
 - wherein if the controller detects the absence of the lighting device upon the initial power-up of the television apparatus, the light control menu is not provided.
2. (original) The television apparatus of claim 1, wherein the lighting device comprises a light device connected to lighting circuitry that is connected to the controller via a single wire.
3. (original) The television apparatus of claim 2, wherein the light device comprises a diode and a light pipe.

4. (original) The television apparatus of claim 3, wherein said diode comprises a blue LED.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a single wire for driving the front panel array and for detecting the presence of the lighting device.

7. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:
a housing;
means, situated in the housing, for controlling the television apparatus;
front panel array means, situated on an exterior of the housing and connected to the controlling means, for providing access to features and/or functions of the television apparatus to a user; ~~and~~
~~means, situated on the exterior of the housing and connected to the controlling means, for illuminating the front panel array in one of a plurality of illumination intensity levels~~

wherein the control means detects one of a presence and an absence of an illumination means upon an initial power-up of the television apparatus, the illumination means, when present, being coupled to the control means and being capable of illuminating the front panel array means at a plurality of illumination intensity levels;

wherein if the control means detects the presence of the illumination means upon the initial power-up of the television apparatus, a light control menu is provided to allow a user to select a level of illumination intensity of the illumination means from the plurality of illumination intensity levels; and

wherein if the control means detects the absence of the illumination means upon the initial power-up of the television apparatus, the light control menu is not provided.

8. (original) The television apparatus of claim 7, wherein the illumination means comprises means for providing light connected to lighting circuitry that is connected to the control means via a single wire.

9. (original) The television apparatus of claim 8, wherein the illumination means comprises a diode and a light pipe.

10. (original) The television apparatus of claim 9, wherein said diode comprises a blue LED.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 7, wherein ~~said controlling~~ the control means drives the front panel array means using a single wire, which is also used by the ~~controlling~~ control means to detect presence of the ~~illuminating~~ illumination means.

13. (currently amended) A method of providing a variable intensity light for a front panel array of a television apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

~~providing a lighting device on a television apparatus, the lighting device operative to illuminate a front panel array of the television apparatus;~~

~~detecting the one of a presence and an absence of the a lighting device upon an initial startup of the television apparatus, the lighting device being capable of illuminating the front panel array at a plurality of illumination intensity levels when present; and~~

~~providing a light control menu to an on-screen control menu of the television apparatus when if the presence of the lighting device has been is detected, the light control menu allowing a user to select one of a the plurality of light illumination intensity levels for the lighting device; and~~

~~providing the on-screen control menu without the light control menu if the absence of the lighting device is detected.~~

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the ~~step of providing a lighting device includes providing a~~ lighting device ~~comprising~~ comprises a light and light circuitry.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the ~~steps~~ step of detecting one of the presence and the absence of the lighting device upon the initial startup of the television apparatus and the step of providing a the light control menu to ~~an~~ the on-screen control menu of the television apparatus ~~when~~ if the presence of the lighting device ~~has been~~ is detected each are accomplished via a single wire connection between the lighting device and a controller of the television apparatus.

16. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the detecting step uses a single wire, which is also served as a keyboard drive line for the front panel array.